

By the Kings Maiesties Commiſſioners, for
granting free VVarrens, and other things of that nature.



THE KINGS most Excellent Maiestie tending the quiet, ease, and contentment of his leuing Subiects: A ND for the better preservation of each mans Game of all sorts in their owne lands and possessions, from common hunters, Potchers and the like: which his Maiestie vnderstanding diuers of his Subiects are desirous off, hath been graciously pleased to graunt his Commission vnder his great Seale of England, directed to some of his learned Counsell & others, whose names are subscribed, for compounding and agreeing with all such as will compound for free & Charter Warren, to be graunted to them and their Heires vnder the great Seale of England: A ND for erecting Parkes and Warrans, in each mans seuerall possessions: A ND for renewing Charters & Graunts of that nature, with diuers other benefits, and more ample priuiledges, and speedie remedies by his Maiesties said Graunt, so to be obtained, against such inconueniencies of Hunters & Potchers, more then the common or Statute lawes, without the helpe of his Maiesties graunt, can yeeld and afford: for Warrans or Parkes are not to be holden or erected but by Charter or Prescription, as by the sayd Commission may appeare,

The Commaund and commoditie of the priuiledge of Chartr'd grounds, and
warrens, grounded vpon lawe and experience.

- 1 I T doth enfranchise the land, by giuing an interest in the game to the owner of the ground, excludeth all others. who otherwise without the Kings graunt haue as much interest in as the owner: neither will any action lye against a man for taking or killing his game, or any recovery be had without the Kings graunt, but action of trespassse.
- 2 It hath great immunities and freedoms, whereof other grounds are destitute. 1. Eliz. Ralt. 3.
- 3 The trespassse shall incurre the payment mentioned in the Kings graunt, which other Warrans want.
- 4 Warren ground is not subiect to the statute made against the conuersion of tillage, into pasture: whereby an arable ground out-worne and barrened by corne, may so be employed to greater benefit, till it be fruitfull for corne againe.
- 5 Trespasses shall incurre imprisonment for three yeares, and make fine and ransome, and put in sureties not to offend againe, and the finall punishment is aburration.
- 6 The garden of wards that destroyes or annoies such groundes, shall be punished in waist.
- 7 The delinquent incurreth the danger of the Statute lawes, and the penalty of the Kings Charter and common lawes. The Patentie or his assignes without mallice, may iustifie the death of a wilfull offender, hounting on these licenced grounds if he will not submit himselfe to the Kings peace.
- 1 I T is good to all persons and grievance to none.
- 2 They be subiect to a lute by the Kings writt of Quo warranto, that keepe and maintaine Warrans without the Kings graunt, whereby he may by his Atturney generall ceaze their libertyes.
- 3 The new Patentie hath full power to punish Potchers and petty hunters by the lawe.
- 4 The barren and waist groundes may be won to be fertill, and gained to be seuerall and good.
- 5 This kind of ground will be made fit for Tillage, and fruitfull for corne, & not subiect to the statutes for decaying tillage.
- 6 The feare of these punishments, hereby to be inflicted will keepe mens groundes in qupet.
- 7 It shall be an occasion to preserue mens hedges, corne, and sheepe, more free from petty hunters, Potchers, &c. The charge of passing this graunt vnder the Seale, shall not be great, as in other Cases. The Office hereof is kept at Sir Henry Bretons house in Drury lane next the signe of the Griffine nere Drury house where you shall haue further satisfaction and direction herein.

The Commiſſioners for this graunt.

Sir Henry Yeluerton, Knight, Atturney generall. Sir Thomas Coventry, Knight, Solicitor. Sir Iohn Townsend, Knight, Sir Henry Breton, Knight, Henry Gibbe, esquire, George Peckham, esquire.